



# Environmental Affairs Board

## Meeting Notes

12-16-03 ■ 6:00 p.m.

Committee Room

Second Floor, City Hall

**Members Present:** Will Anderson, Kathi Beratan, Ahrash Bissell, Ray Eurquhart, Mathew Greenwolfe, Judy Kincaid, and Dock Terrell

**Members Absent:** Darryl Roberts

**Guests Present:** Steve Gaddis, Steve Pulling, Dan Jewell, Joe Paris, David Ernestine, Sally Shauman, Ellen Cassilly, Debbie Wilson, Chris Dreps, Ben Hitchings, and Joe Jackson

**Staff Present:** Keith Luck, William Sun, Doug Vaughn, Alex Waddell, and Glen Whisler

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Due to a lack of quorum at the beginning of the meeting the meeting notes from October and November were not approved.

### Comprehensive Plan Tiers and UDO Presentation

Introductions were made and Kathi gave a brief synopsis of the meetings intended outcome. Kathi asked how feedback would be handled and Dick Hails, Assistant Planning Director, responded by saying that comments from the public will be reviewed by the Joint City County Planning Steering Committee. The next JCCPC meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2004. Kathi asked that any comments from those attending should be emailed to her by next week so they can be combined with the Environmental Affairs Boards comments. Dick Hails then goes over the background information for the UDO. Kathi said, if the Comprehensive Plan is the vision for Durham, then the UDO is one of the ordinances that implements the Comprehensive Plan, but the UDO does not offer enough detail. Dick said Joint City County Planning Steering Committee is providing the direction for the document. Kathi then asks if there is a process by which the UDO is updated and Dick replies yes. Next, the relationship between the tiers in the UDO and the tiers for the Comprehensive Plan is discussed. Dick then talks about some of the landscape and buffer changes in the UDO. The conservation subdivision portion of the UDO is then discussed. Then Kathi said stormwater is an environmental issue that needs addressing. Dick said, although the stormwater ordinance was initially going to be incorporated into the UDO, it was decided to keep stormwater as a separate ordinance. Dan Jewell said it appears that there is an over reaching idea of green design in the environmental portions of the UDO. Kathi is also concerned with the loss of pervious surfaces as development occurs and suggests the ordinance needs to provide more guidance in this area. Chris Dreps said from the standpoint of the Neuse River the UDO does meet some of the suggestions Upper Neuse River Basin. Matthew

Greenwolfe talked about the need to eliminate restrictions from solar access for property owners and provided some wording for that purpose. Judy Kincaid also provided comments on several subjects as well as some intended wording that might be included in the UDO.

### **Durham Air Quality**

Don't forget to fill out the template Matthew created for the Durham Air Quality control measures report for by January 13.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alex Waddell, Planner  
December 17, 2003

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